The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is publishing the following proposed FFY 2006 overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program goal for the participation in highway and aviation construction contracts by DBEs for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2006 beginning October 1, 2006.

Highway and aviation construction/consultant contracts – 22.77 percent

The Department estimates that, in meeting the overall goal of 22.77 percent, the Department will obtain 20.74 percent through race-conscious measures and 2.03 percent from race neutral measures.

A copy of the document detailing the goal and how it was established is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Department's Bureau of Small Business Enterprises, Room 319, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, (217) 782-5490, as well as the Department's library, the DBE Resource Center at 900 S. DesPlaines, Chicago, Illinois and the Department's web site. The Department's web site address is http://www.dot.il.gov. You may also review the document in each of the Department's District Office locations listed below. If there are any questions, please contact the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at (217) 785-7524.

The deadline for inspecting the documents is September 5, 2005. In addition, both the Department and the United States Department of Transportation will accept public comments on the goal until September 20, 2005.

Comments should be sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Paul H. Cerpa, Director, Office of Business and Workforce Diversity (address above or e-mail: cerpaph@.dot.il.gov).

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